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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SNAR, UN
SUBJECT: MOVE OF UN DRUG CONTROL ORGANIZATIONS TO VIENNA

1. MR. ABDOU CISS, CHIEF, PERSONNEL DIVISION, UN-GENEVA, ON MARCH 10 HELD A MEETING IN HIS OFFICE OF A "WORKING GROUP" TO RESUME CONSIDERATION OF THE TRANSFER OF GENEVA UNITS TO VIENNA. REPRESENTATIVES WERE PRESENT FROM THE UN FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL, THE DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS, AND THE SECRETARIAT OF THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD, AS WELL AS FROM THE SOCIAL AFFAIRS DIVISION, GENEVA. (THIS WORKING GROUP HAD LAST MET IN MAY 1977. AT THAT TIME IT ADDRESSED SEVERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MOVE TO UN HEADQUARTERS, WHICH HAS NEVER RESPONDED.)

2. ACCORDING TO DRUG CONTROL OFFICIALS PRESENT, MR. CISS INFORMED THE GROUP THAT UN HEADQUARTERS HAD DECIDED TO DISPENSE WITH THE CONCEPT OF A "PHASED" IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MOVE OF VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS TO VIENNA AND HAD CONFIDENTIAL

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SET A TARGET DATE OF JULY 1, 1979 FOR ALL ORGANIZATIONS SCHEDULED TO TRANSFER. REPRESENTATIVES OF DRUG CONTROL ORGANIZATIONS POINTED OUT THEIR UNDERSTANDING THAT, SINCE THE FIRST PHASE HAD BEEN POSTPONED FROM 1978 TO 1979, THE SECOND PHASE (WHICH CONTAINS THE DRUG ORGANIZATIONS) WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL 1980 AT THE EARLIEST. THEY STATED THEIR JUDGMENT THAT ATTEMPTING TO MOVE THE

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DRUG ORGANIZATIONS IN JULY 1979 WOULD NOT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR AN ORDERLY TRANSFER AND WOULD BE LIKELY TO SERIOUSLY DISRUPT THEIR OPERATIONS. ONE REPORTEDLY ALSO QUESTIONED WHETHER THE VIENNA ACCOMMODATIONS WOULD BE READY TO RECEIVE THE TRANSFERRED UNITS AND WAS TOLD THAT IF THEY WERE NOT READY IN JULY 1979, THE TRANSFER WOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL THEY WERE.

3. MR. CISS REPORTEDLY ANNOUNCED THAT ANOTHER MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP WOULD BE HELD ON MARCH 16. MR. CLAYTON TIMBRILL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL, OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES, UNNY AND MR. M. BOURBONNIERE, DIRECTOR, INFORMATION SERVICE, UN-GENEVA, WILL BOTH ATTEND THE MEETING AND THEN RETURN TO NY TO PUT THE TRANSFER PLANS IN FINAL FORM. (MR. BOURBONNIERE HAS BEEN APPOINTED COORDINATOR OF PLANS FOR THE TRANSFER OF HEADQUARTERS AND GENEVA-BASED UNITS TO VIENNA. HE IS HIMSELF SCHEDULED TO TRANSFER TO VIENNA ON OR ABOUT APRIL 1, 1978.)

4. MISSION OFFICER MET WITH THREE DRUG CONTROL OFFICIALS (MESSRS. MESSERI, KANDEMIR AND EMBLAD) IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MEETING AND FOUND THEM EXTREMELY DISTRESSED BY WHAT THEY CONSIDERED A MOST UNSATISFACTORY DEVELOPMENT. MISSION BELIEVES THEIR REACTION IS LIKELY TO BE TYPICAL OF THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF OF ALL THREE DRUG CONTROL ORGANIZATIONS.
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5. COMMENT. WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT U.S. POLICY PRECLUDES ANY ATTEMPT TO REVERSE UNGA'S AUTHORIZATION TO THE SYG TO TRANSFER DRUG CONTROL UNITS TO VIENNA, MISSION SUGGESTS THAT THE TIMING OF THE MOVE MIGHT BE SET IN A MANNER LESS LIKELY TO INTERFERE WITH THE EXCEPTIONALLY HEAVY WORKLOAD THE NARCOTICS ORGANS ARE TO BEAR OVER THE NEXT YEAR. DURING THAT PERIOD, THE DRUG ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE DEEPLY INVOLVED (A) IN RESPONDING TO THE UNGA RESOLUTION 32/124 CALL FOR A NEW PROGRAM OF STRATEGIES AND POLICIES FOR INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL, (B) IN IMPLEMENTING THE PSYCHOTROPICS CONVENTION WHICH JUST CAME INTO FORCE IN 1976, AND (C) IN EFFECTUATING THE EXCEPTIONALLY LARGE NUMBER OF RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED AT THE FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS. MISSION APPREHENDS THAT ADDING A TRANSFER OF OFFICES TO THE PRESENT WORKLOAD WOULD BE LIKELY TO IMPAIR SERIOUSLY THE ABILITY OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS TO DISCHARGE THEIR FUNCTIONS.

6. MISSION THEREFORE RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT REQUEST USUN TO SUGGEST, AT HIGHEST LEVELS IN UNNY, THAT IN VIEW

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OF THE CURRENT EXCEPTIONAL WORKLOAD OF THE DRUG ORGANI-
ZATIONS AND OF THE NEED FOR ADEQUATE PREPARATION FOR
PROPOSED MOVE, THE UN SHOULD MAINTAIN ITS PHASED PLAN FOR
THE TRANSFER AND SET A TRANSFER DATE FOR THE DRUG
ORGANIZATIONS NO EARLIER THAN MID-1980. FOR MAXIMUM
EFFECT, RECOMMENDED APPROACH SHOULD TAKE PLACE BEFORE
MEETING SCHEDULED MARCH 16, OR AT LEAST BEFORE ASG
TIMBRELL RETURNS NY (ABOUT MARCH 20) TO PUT TRANSFER
PLANS IN FINAL FORM. DRUG CONTROL OFFICIALS STATED
THAT FRENCH AND NORWEGIANS DEL MEMBERS AT CND EXPRESSED
INTEREST IN PROBLEMS OF TRANSFER AND SUGGESTED THAT THEY

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MIGHT BE AGREEABLE TO TAKING SIMILAR LINE IN NY. END
COMMENT. SORENSON

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